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the local boards, you control them by a Statute, you prescribe by rules the limit beyond which they should not tax themselves and you increase the scale of salary, and also create a desire in the teachers to demand such increase; and yet you leave the local boards to find the funds for giving such increased salaries?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—"I am sorry, Sir, this is a small lecture, it is not a question at all. But I may point out to the hon. Member it is not that everything in the local boards is controlled. If the local boards express their wish to increase their income in certain respects, the Government will certainly sympathetically consider and try to help them in the matter."

Levy of "betterment" and "inclusion" fee.

* 47 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that "betterment" or "inclusion" fee is being levied in respect of lands included in the ayacuts under various irrigation systems;

(*b*) if so, whether the fee is being collected and what the amount collected so far has been and what remains to be collected;

(*c*) whether levy of "betterment" fee is in force or is to be enforced in regard to all irrigation schemes, old and new;

(*d*) whether the imposition of "betterment" fee has been represented to be a hardship especially in respect of lands where dry crops are grown;

(*e*) whether, in respect of wet lands "betterment" fee is not being levied under some irrigation systems though the return on capital expenditure is not adequate; and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of irrigation schemes in the Province, the capital expenditure incurred on each, the amount of revenue, the rate at which the return works and the "betterment" fee, if any collected?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—"(*a*) The Government are not now levying betterment or inclusion fees.

"(*b*) The amount collected in Kistna and Godavari deltas up to July 1939 was Rs. 6,90,472–1–7. Information regarding the amount that was since collected or of the amount that remains to be collected is not readily available: the collection of inclusion fees has been suspended from time to time.

"(*c*) The levy of betterment fee is not now in force. The general question whether such a fee should be collected is being considered.

"(*d*) There were representations against the collection of inclusion fees.

"(*e*) Betterment fee is not being levied under any irrigation system.

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"(f) The Government have no information. The labour and work involved in the various offices to collect this information will be considerable and hence the information is not being collected. As regards works for which both capital and revenue accounts are kept, the attention of the hon'ble Member is however invited to the general abstract of financial results printed at the end of the Administration report of the Public Works Department (Part II—Irrigation) for 1945–46 available in the library of the Madras Legislature."

Medical aid to villages in Beltangady sub-taluk in South Kanara.

* 48 Q.—SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the villages situated in the Beltangady sub-taluk in South Kanara district go without any medical aid;

(b) whether it is a fact that the people of these villages are generally unhealthy and subject to fever and other epidemics now and then; and

(c) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to provide medical aid to the suffering masses of those villages?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(a) There are at present three medical institutions in the Beltangady sub-area:—

(1) Local Fund Dispensary, Beltangady,

(2) Rural Dispensary, Punjalkatta; and

(3) Rural Ayurvedic Dispensary, Mundaje. The three institutions are situated in the Mangalore-Charmadi Road, with Beltangady in the centre, but there is no medical aid in the interior of this sub-area which is malarial.

"(b) Yes; but this is not the only area in the South Kanara district, where malaria is both endemic and epidemic. Most of the Hill tracts of Puttur, Karkal, Udipi and Coondapoor taluks are also malarial. There are also other districts in the Province that suffer from the same disadvantages.

"(c) The question of providing medical aid in the villages referred to above, as well as in other villages of the district where such amenities may be needed, will be considered in due course in connexion with the post-war schemes."

SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE:—"May I know the number of rural dispensaries recently sanctioned for South Kanara?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"Five rural dispensaries have been sanctioned."

SRI D. MANJAYA HEGDE:—"Why cannot we have one for each taluk?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"The proposal must come through the District Board."